

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

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Claims 1-15 (cancelled).

16. (New) A cooking utensil, particularly for fat-free frying or cooking of food to be fried or cooked, comprising:

a floor; and

a wall;

said floor having an elevated section for placing the food to be fried or cooked and a largely annular depression enclosing the elevated section, said elevated section having at least one groove;

said elevated section being convexly curved and/or arched in such a way that frying fat or other liquids may drain into the depression on all sides;

said groove allowing the temporary return of frying fat or other liquids from the depression to the elevated section, so that wetting of the food to be fried or cooked occurs.

17. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the convex curve of the elevated section is weakly pronounced and the radius of the convex curve of the elevated section is approximately 1400 mm to 4000 mm.

18. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the elevated section forms the convex curve during the heating of the heating region and/or the burner below the cooking utensil.

19. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the elevated section passes into the depression largely continuously, without forming an edge.

20. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the depression is curved concavely and the radius of the concave curve of the depression is approximately 13 mm to 15 mm.

21. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the groove discharges into the depression and preferably diverges in the direction of the depression.

22. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the groove in the elevated section is implemented in such a way that no undercuts result and a largely edgeless surface of the elevated section is provided.

23. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the radius of the concave curve of the groove is approximately 2 to 3 mm and the radius of the convex curves of the groove is approximately 3 mm.

24. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein multiple, particularly parallel grooves are provided and the radii of the concave curve of the outer grooves are somewhat smaller than those of the inner grooves.

25. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the groove extends over more than half of the elevated section.

26. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the depression has at least one expansion for collecting frying fat or other liquids.

27. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 26, wherein the depression has a slope toward the expansion.

28. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 26, wherein the groove discharges into the expansion.

29. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 16, wherein the floor and the wall are manufactured from aluminum, iron, stainless steel, or copper.

30. (New) The cooking utensil according to Claim 29, wherein cooking utensils made of stainless steel are sealed with an antistick coating.